

HOW NEW YORK AVERTS A PANIC IN THEATRE FIRE

Proctor's Harlem Playhouse
Emptied of 1,800 Patrons in
Six Minutes Without Any
Crushing or Casualty.

FIRE DRILL ADMIRABLY
CONDUCTED BY MANAGER.

Electric Lights Turned On, Or-
chestra Played and Audience
Quietly Dispersed—One Man
Clubbed for Yelling "Fire!"

Here follows the line of action that
at 1,800 people out of Proctor's One
Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street
theatre last night within ten minutes after
it was discovered that the house was
on fire.

Policemen McGowan and Tevens saw
the fire from One Hundred and Twenty-
fifth street, McGowan from in front of
the fire house next to the theatre, Tevens
from Lexington avenue.

McGowan turned in a still alarm at
the engine-house, sent a citizen to Park
avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-
fifth street to turn in an alarm from the
box and another citizen to the East
side. McGowan and Tevens then
went to the theatre to tell Capt. McNally that Proctor's
was ablaze.

Tevens went into the theatre and
informed Treasurer Bulwinkle in the
ticket office that the house was on fire.
Mr. Bulwinkle called Manager Brunelle,
who was standing in the lobby.

Stage Manager Collington's daughter,
lansing along One Hundred and Twenty-
fifth street, in front of the house,
saw the fire and ran back through an
outside passageway to notify her father.
Mr. Brunelle entered the theatre
proper. The house was dark and there
were moving pictures showing on a
screen in front of the curtain.

Running down to the stage box on
the left-hand side of the house, Manager
Brunelle blew a pocket whistle
sounding the twenty-six
employees in front of the house to get
ready for the fire drill. Then he blew
two blasts, and fourteen house attaches
started for the exits, while twelve took
up stations at the fire hose. The police-
man on duty took up his station at
the main entrance.

Stage Manager Collington blew his
whistle back of the curtain and the
twelve stage hands took their fire-drill
positions, some at the hose, some at
the entrance. The electrician turned
the switch that illuminated the audi-
torium and the head stage carpenter
lowered the asbestos announced that
there was a fire in the building next
door and asked the audience to remain
calm.

Capt. McNally arrived on the run
with twenty policemen. In less than a
minute they were guarding every exit.
Paul McNally, leading man of the
company, sauntered onto the stage be-
fore the curtain and told the bewildered
people in the audience that they were
in no danger if they went out quietly.
He called attention to the fact that all
the exits were open and advised that
all start for the exits nearest to the
part of the house in which they were
sitting.

Clubbed Man Who Yelled "Fire!"
Capt. McNally, standing in the middle
aisle of the theatre, called out to get
his policemen who knock the head
off the first man yelling "Fire!" or
starting to run. "Walk out," he shout-
ed, "or get a punch in the face!"

A man in the gallery yelled fire—just
once. There was the sound of a club
bitting a head and all was still.

Orchestra leader J. T. Smythe waved
his baton and his men started "Bedelia,"
playing as loudly as they could.

The great audience arose and fled out
of the house, through lines of employees
and policemen, who checked any dis-
position to crowd or act roughly.

The actors left by the stage door, the
orchestra walked out after the audi-
ence, the firemen entered and the police
reserves in the street formed fire lines.

Less than ten minutes after Tevens
and McGowan discovered the fire the
people who had been sitting in plush-
covered chairs laughing at a comedy
moving picture were standing in One
Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One
Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets gas-
ping upon a swirling gyser of flame
eating through the roof of the play-
house.

Only one person was hurt. He was
the man who yelled "fire," and no one
will ever know who he was, because he
never will tell.

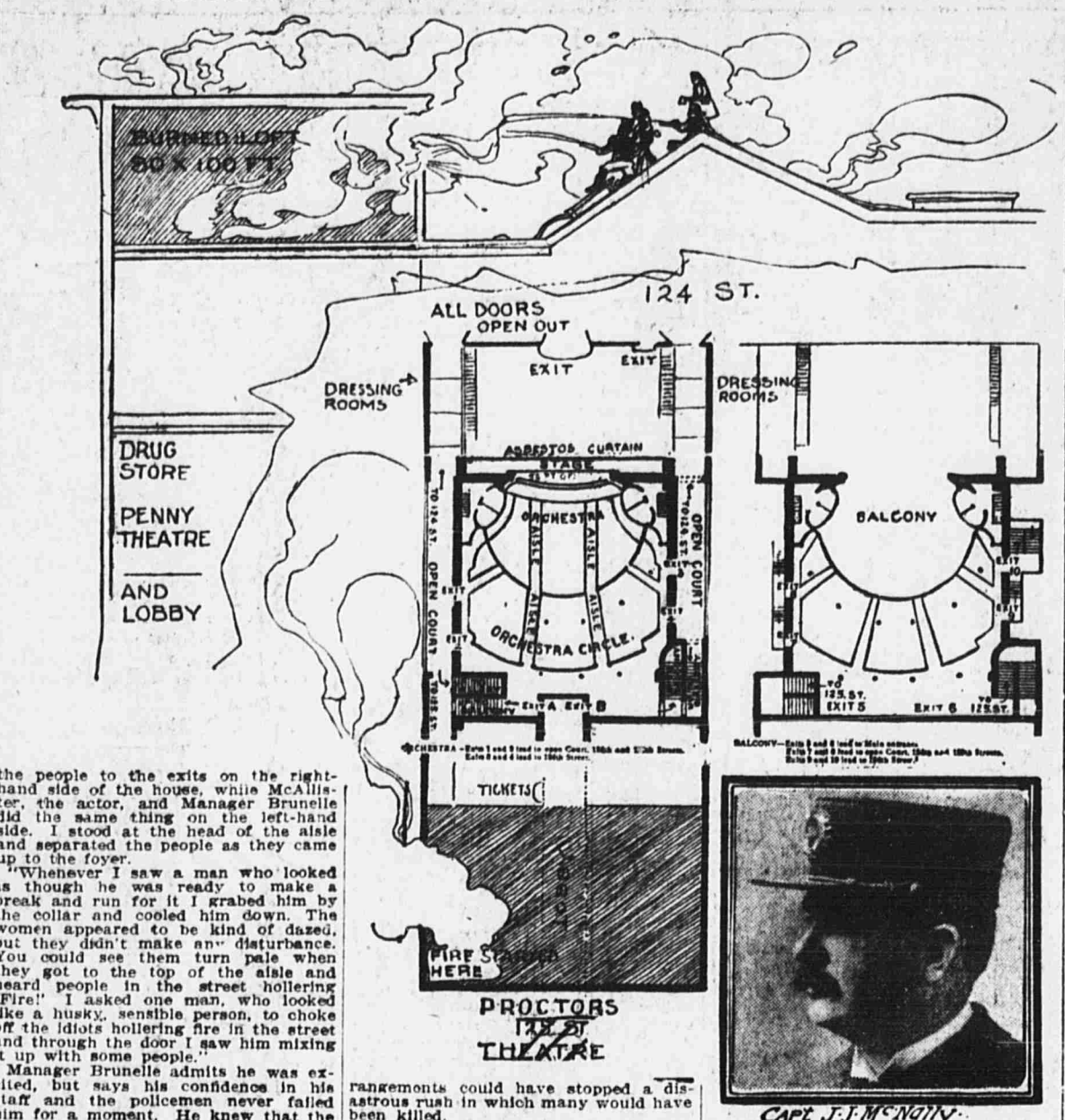
Praise Due to Audience.
One false move would have precipi-
tated a panic in the tumultuous ten
minutes following the discovery of the fire,
and great as the credit is that goes to
the manager, the house attaches, the
policemen and firemen, the audience
comes in for a share of praise.

By the time the people in the audi-
torium were informed that there was a
fire in the house smoke was stifling
in and the roar of the flames could be
heard. But there was no hysteria. Oc-
casionally a man or a woman started
to run, but a policeman or a fireman or
one of the house staff was ready and
grabbed the hurrying one. To show that
the audience kept its wits here is all
the property that was left behind by
1,800 people:

One man's overcoat.
Six women's wraps.
Nine women's hats.
One pair of opera glasses.
Three pairs of gloves.
Eleven hat pins.
The first fireman in the house, out-
side of Edward Page, the man detailed
to the theatre, were William Summer-
field of Truck No. 11, and Owen Sul-
livan of Truck No. 14. They are both
new in stature and took up their sta-
tions at the heads of the side aisles.

Women Dressed, but Tractable.
Page said Summerfield to-day
said "a lot and direct"

DIAGRAM SHOWING BURNED LOFT. EXITS FROM PROCTOR'S THEATRE AND POLICE CAPT. McNALLY



the people to the exits on the right-
hand side of the house, while McAl-
lister, the actor, and Manager Brunelle
did the same thing on the left-hand
side. I stood at the head of the aisle
and separated the people as they came
up to the foyer.

"Whenever I saw a man who looked
as though he was ready to make a
break and run for it I grabbed him by
the collar and cooled him down. The
women appeared to be kind of dazed,
but they didn't make any disturbance.
You could see them turn pale when
they got to the top of the aisle and
heard people in the street hollering
"Fire!" I asked a man, who looked
like a husky, sensible person, to choke
off the idiots hollering fire in the street
and through the house. I saw him mixing
it up with some people.

Manager Brunelle admits he was ex-
cited, but says his confidence in his
staff and the policemen never failed
him for a moment. He knew that the
fire drill was perfect, and it was all he
had to depend on.

"Policemen Tevens might have pre-
cipitated a panic," said Manager Brunelle,
"by running into the house and
telling fire, instead of going about no-
tifying us in a business-like way. I
know him well, and when he told me
there was a fire I asked him to give
me two minutes before allowing the
police to take charge. He said all right,
but he ran to hurry up. In that two
minutes by my signals with the whistle
I had all my men in their places.

Stage Manager Collington has been
through two fires in theatres and says
he never saw an audience behave so
well. In his opinion a great factor for
safety was the fact that all the exits
were open before the crowd began to
file out. Those in the rear saw the
hundreds in front disappearing through
numerous doorways and knew that there
was an open way ahead. If there had
been delay in opening the exits not even
the admirable police and house at-

LONDON STOCKS HIGHER.

Americans Were an Exception in
the Market and Neglected.

LONDON, May 7.—Russian bonds
were offered at 90 to-day, which is the
lowest price they have sold at since the
war with Japan began. Japanese securi-
ties were higher and in better demand.
Consols and gilt-edged securities gen-
erally were higher and the close very
steady. South Africans, which opened
strong, eased off on contradictory labor
reports. In other departments the tone
was steady and sentiment seemed to
be good.

Americans were dull and neglected
with comparatively few changes in the
list. The closing prices followed:

Stocks	Price
Anaconda	77 1/2
Atchafalca	72 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	78 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	78 1/2
Chicago & North Western	117 1/2
Canadian Pacific	117 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande	20 1/2
Elgin, J. & E. Ry.	24 1/2
Illinois Central	128 1/2
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	17 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	108 1/2
Mexican National Ry.	89 1/2
Norfolk & Western	87 1/2
New York Central	115 1/2
Northern Securities	115 1/2
Reading	43 1/2
Rock Island	43 1/2
Southern Railway	43 1/2
Southern Pacific	43 1/2
Union Pacific	43 1/2
United States Steel	103 1/2
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Wabash	18 1/2
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CURB STOCKS LISTLESS.

Outside Traders Confine Their At-
tention to a Few Issues.

Business was practically at a stand-
still on the curb to-day, only a few
trades being done in the principal out-
side stocks were:

Stocks	Price
Con. Lake	9 1/2
Green Copper	13 1/2
Inter Marine	15 1/2
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Mackay Co.	25 1/2
Northern Securities	99 1/2
Northern Securities	99 1/2
New Orleans	20 1/2
Orla Elevator	62 1/2
Standard Oil	62 1/2
Seaboard Air Line	17 1/2
White Knob	6 1/2

WHEAT MARKET.

Strength marked the opening of the
grain market to-day with trading ac-
tive. Sentiment was influenced by the
higher cables and the promise of out-
side markets. Selling was checked by
the prospects of a bullish Government
crop report on next Tuesday. July
wheat, being dealt in, reacted to 20 7/8
and became dull. Corn was barely
steady.

New York's opening prices were: July
wheat, 81 1/8; September, 84 5/8 to
84 3/4; December, 84 5/8.
Chicago's opening prices were: May
wheat, 91 3/8; July, 86 3/8; September,
81 1/4; December, 84 1/4.
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END OF WHISKY TRUST TRIAL.

Justice Davis of the Supreme Court
took the papers to-day and reached
decision in the suit of Morris and Carl
Ernst to compel an accounting from the
officers and directors of the American
Spirit Manufacturing Company.

HEROES WORKED THOUGH BURNED

Brave Firemen, Soorched by
Flames, Persevered Until a
Coupling Was Made for the
Water Tower.

Cynics would understand that the he-
roism of New York firemen is not the
thing of paper and ink that many of
them think it is if they could have
seen the crews that worked to save the
big building of the Universal Storage
House and Express Company's building
at Nos. 202 to 208 East Eighty-eighth
street, and, though scalded and burned,
worked on until they were covered
by the fire's superheated steam. Thousands
who saw their bravery are talking of
little else to-day, but it is probable that
if you went to the company houses of
the sixteen who were scalded or to their
homes they would say: "That was nothing."

It was a five-alarm fire that called
out twenty-two engines, thirteen trucks
and a water tower last night, and it
was in trying to make a coupling for
the water tower that the firemen were
injured. When this machine reached
Eighty-eighth street the flames had
driven men on ladders from the front
of the warehouse.

The water tower was the one thing
left to fight the fire, but the heat drove
the first coupling crew back with their
helmets sizzling and their rubber coats
smoking. A second crew was ready to
dash in, and water was played on them.
They worked as long as they could in
the choking steam and then gave way
to a relief party, which in turn gave
way to a fourth.

These men lasted no longer than their
predecessors, and then the first crew,
half recovered, dashed in again to the
perilous work. They were driven back
again, and still successors came. These
men succeeded, and a roar went up from
the crowd that drowned the other
noises about the fire.

For several minutes the water pres-
sure gave out in all streams except the
tower, which had been turned on the
building between the warehouse and
Third avenue to stop the spread of the
fire in that direction. Lines were run
hurriedly to the fireboats Seth Low and
New Yorker, and shortly after twelve
powerful engines got to work the fire
was brought under control.

The fire spread to the rear to a ten-
ement and the house of Mrs. Elizabeth
Hand, at No. 1563 Third avenue, was
burned. The woman is an invalid, and fought
the police when they sought to remove her
from the fire while men well known in
Wall street furnished the capital and
shared the profits.

Irving L. Ernst, counsel for Receiver
Abraham Gruber, said:
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Woodend was the head of the firm, but
from what R. D. Rumley, the cashier
of Woodend's firm, has told us, I think
we shall be able to show that the capi-
tal of some men very prominent in Wall
street was interested in the concern, and
that these men divided the profits with
Dr. Woodend. I think I may say that
Dr. Woodend was regarded as a 'good
thing' by these men."

Mr. Ernst refused to disclose the
names of these men, but he hinted that
"some interesting disclosures" would be
made on Monday.

Chief Croker was called away in the
midst of this fire to the Proctor Theatre
alarm and left the situation in charge
of Deputy Chief Longman. He esti-
mates the damage to the merchandise in
the warehouse at \$40,000; building at
\$100,000; buildings opposite and adjoining
\$50,000. The deputy chief doesn't estimate the
damage to the men who fought under
him.

"That's not part of a fireman's busi-
ness," is all he has to say on that
score.

BOSTON FIRE DOES \$200,000 DAMAGE

Flames at Midnight Destroy
the Central Wharf of the
Philadelphia Steamship Com-
pany.

BOSTON, May 7.—A destructive blaze
broke out at midnight on the water-
front. Central wharf, occupied by the
Philadelphia Steamship Company, was
destroyed, and the Long Wharf, where
the Clyde line attempted to extin-
guish the flames, but were unsuccessful.
The fireman on an alarm worked for
about two hours before the cotton was
saved from total destruction. The
total damage is estimated at \$1,200,000.

FIRE IN COTTON WASTE.

Firemen Have Hard Work Putting
Out Blaze on Pier.

A fire which bothered the firemen
considerably took place this morning
in 150 bales of cotton waste piled in
front of Pier 45, North River, at the
foot of Christopher and West streets.
Probably through some one throwing
a lighted match on the waste it com-
menced to smoke and blaze. Employees
of the Clyde line attempted to extin-
guish the flames, but were unsuccessful.
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WANT TO REOPEN BANK.

NASHUA, N. H., May 7.—The direc-
tors of the Nashua Trust Company,
which was closed in February because
of an alleged heavy shortage in the ac-
counts of the former Treasurer, John P.
Goggin, have decided to recommend
the reopening of the bank at a meeting
of the stockholders to be held next
Thursday. It is announced that Dr.
George W. Currier will be the President
of the company in place of George H.
French, who declines longer to serve.
June 1 is the date set for reopening.
Former Treasurer Goggin is now under
arrest on ten counts in connection
with the bank's trouble.

BRITISH TRADE IMPROVES.

LONDON, May 7.—The April state-
ment of the Board of Trade, issued to-
day, shows that imports increased
\$3,977,000 and that the exports increased
\$1,742,000.

HAWLEY WILL BE CALLED AGAIN

Sully Says He Was a Partner in
a Joint Account, and with
Ray Promised to Protect the
Firm.

At the next examination of the af-
fairs of Daniel J. Sully, the dethroned
cotton king, in bankruptcy proceedings,
Frank Hawley, who, Sully says, was
interested as a partner in his cotton
manipulations, is expected to be called
to the stand.

Hawley has testified that he was not
interested as a partner and that he
was simply a customer of D. J. Sully
& Co.; that he had no share in the
profits of the firm, but drew his profits
as any other customer would draw
them.

Sully's testimony is a direct contra-
diction of the testimony given by Haw-
ley. He declared that Frank H. Ray
and Edwin Hawley were his partners
in the "Joint Three Account." To
prove his assertion Sully produced
a letter written to Hawley, which he
read, as follows:

"August, 1903.
"I hereby agree to give to Edwin
Hawley and Ray had agreed to buy
house of Daniel J. Sully & Co. until
Aug. 1, 1904. DANIEL J. SULLY."
Sully further testified that he and
Hawley and Ray had agreed to buy
cotton for their joint account, which in
conversation among them was to be
known as "Joint No. 2."

BIG MEN BEHIND BROKER WOODEND

Names of Those Who Shared in
His Profits Expected to Be
Made Known at Bankruptcy
Proceedings Monday.

Much startling testimony is expected
at the bankruptcy hearing on Monday
in the Woodend case. It is said that
Dr. Woodend furnished respectability
to his firm while men well known in
Wall street furnished the capital and
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THE SUNDAY WORLD

PHOTOGRAPHS.
Night at the St. Louis Fair.

Experts say these are the best night photographs
ever taken. They represent the greatest electrical
display ever made.

Flying Baseballs Photographed.

The 400th part of a second exposure caught these
pictures. "Iron Man" McGinnity writes the ar-
ticle that goes with them.

John Jacob Astor's Baby.

It is the first photograph of "Baby Alice" ever
published.

May Time in Stageland.

A dozen beautiful pictures from the plays of the
week.

CELEBRITIES.

MME. CALVE---She tells in remarkable "confessions"
her real motive in singing.

DR. I. K. FUNK---He tells for the first time how the
supposed spirit of Beecher demanded the return
of the Widow's Mite.

FANNY Y. CORY---The true account of how this famous
artist defied her family to wed a ranchman.

E. R. THOMAS---How the wealthy young banker's
experience as a backer of theatrical companies
has won him the title of "angel."

HUMAN INTEREST.

Are Telephones Making Us All Left-Eared?
Which ear do you use? Can you hear better
at the 'phone with one than with the other?
Think it over.

A Doctor Who Diagnosed His Own Insanity.

Just imagine recognizing the symptoms of incur-
able madness in yourself. It's a tragic story.

The Case of Sarah Kuhn.

Love, poison and politics are strangely blended in
a murder case that has become an issue in a
State campaign.

Nine Nationalities in a Lawsuit.

It's just an action for damages in a local court,
but it shows mighty well just what a cosmopolitan
city New York is.

FOR WOMEN READERS.

First Glimpse of the Paris Styles for 1905.
Smart Designs for Summer Coats.
Etiquette Up to Date.
Tea, Coffee and the Cocktail versus the Complexion.
Women's Ways of Earning Money.

FICTION.

Dinner for Two. By O. Henry. A graphic little tale on
New York life. One of the best Mr. Henry has
ever written.

FUN.

In the Funny Side there's lots of it. Mr. Butt-in umpires
a ball game. Phyllis waters the lawn. Mr.
Fergettit has another adventure. The Kid enter-
tains company at dinner. Panhandle Pete starts
a home for Hoboes and the Newlyweds have an
evening of song.

PUZZLES.

\$50 in prizes for the best answers to the Picnic Picture
Puzzle No. 2.

TRADING STAMPS.

Ten green trading stamps with the Sunday World. See
the coupon in the upper right-hand corner of the
first page of the Funny Side.

Metropolitan Section.

McCardell and Fornaro spend a day with New Yorkers at
the Morris Park race track.

The Chateau Twins, Alphonse and Gabriel, join the
merry throng at Claremont.